

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Harry Baker of Kansas City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a car salesman and entrepreneur who helped establish Knights of Columbus Council 3414, the North Hills Optimist Club, and Saint Gabriel's Catholic Church; and

Whereas, a board member of Synergy House in Parkville, Missouri, Harry Baker is a United States Navy veteran who now is active in Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations; and

Whereas, Harry Baker has served for twenty-three years as the voice of Snake Saturday, a Northland Irish celebration that features a popular parade and festival, and previously was a Sprint race car driver whose nickname was "Buz Baker"; and

Whereas, Harry Baker also has served as "Santa" for more than twenty years for Knights of Columbus and other organizations that serve needy children, as chairman of the Knights of Columbus annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally challenged, and as a lay minister and choir member at Saint Gabriel; and

Whereas, Harry Baker ran for election as a state representative and instilled in his family the importance of voting as part of the political process; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Patricia for fifty-one years, Harry Baker is justifiably proud also to be known as the loving father of Kathy and Phil Johnson, Tim Baker, Steve Baker, Dana and Mike Schwartz, Chris and Donna Baker, Mary Belman, Tom and Trish Baker, and Michael Baker and the wonderful grandfather of Pat, Elizabeth, Hannah, Josh, Delany, Laura, Sarah, Ian, Katie, and Bryan; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Harry Baker:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life of Harry Baker and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his significant involvement in civic and charitable service organizations; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Harry Baker of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jerry Nolte
District No. 33

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker